IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Michael W. Brown Group Art Unit: 2144

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants note that the Office Action dated April 29, 2008, to which this paper responds was "final". However, Applicants file concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), thereby re-opening prosecution on the merits pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 132(b) and 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time for this paper.

It is believed that a fee is due for the RCE (\$810). It is believed that an additional fee is due for the one-month extension (\$120). The Commissioner is authorized to withdraw the appropriate fee(s) under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0447/AUS920031034US1¹. No other fee(s) is believed to be due, however, should any fee(s) under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fee(s) from IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0447/AUS920031034US1.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

¹ In the event the funds in that account are insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson P.C.'s PTO Account No. 50-0786/2300.001100.

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